

Remarks

Claims 1 and 6 have been amended. Claims 7, 35, 36 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice. No new matter has been added by way of these amendments.

Rejections under 35 USC 112

Claims 36 and 37 have been canceled without prejudice, thereby overcoming the examiner's objections under this section.

Rejections under 35 USC 102

Applicant has amended claim 1 by introducing the features of claim 7 as previously presented along with the necessary supporting features of previously presented claim 6. Examiner considers such subject matter to be allowable (see remarks with regards to previously presented claim 35 which claimed the same subject matter as currently amended claim 1) and are patentable over Garrett (US 3,754,609).

Applicant submits that amendments overcome the examiners objections and that the present application is now in condition for allowance.

This paper is submitted in response to the Office Action mailed December 5 , 2007 for which the three-month date for response was March 5, 2008. Applicant requests an extension of time of one month in which to respond to the Office Action. This one month extension will bring the deadline for response to April 5, 2008 which is within the six-month statutory period.

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Amendment

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